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Federal Aviation Administration

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RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Model Falcon 10 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all Dassault Model Falcon 10 series airplanes. This proposed AD would require a temporary change to the airplane flight manual to provide procedures to the flight crew for systematic landings using the main landing gear to avoid a three-point landing. This proposed AD also would require repetitive inspections of the piston rod of the drag strut actuator of the nose landing gear (NLG) for cracks, which would terminate the AFM revision, and corrective actions if necessary. In addition, this proposed AD provides for an optional terminating modification, which would end the repetitive inspections. This proposed AD is prompted by reports of failure of the NLG to lock in the up position. We are proposing this AD to prevent cracking and/or fracture of the piston rod of the drag strut actuator of the NLG, which could result in failure of the NLG to extend following a gear-down selection, and consequent gear-up landing, structural damage, and possible injury to passengers and crew.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by [insert date 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Use one of the following addresses to submit comments on this proposed AD.

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